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PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 1652

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No.: Rao *et al.* Confirmation No.: 1892
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Filed: January 6, 2000 Examiner: P. Tung
For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR ALTERING
AMINO ACID CONTENT OF PROTEINS

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action of 2 January 2002. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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to enter date D K. Kao 5/7/02
In the Specification:

Please revise the one-line paragraph beginning on page 3, line 2, to read as follows:

Figure 1 and Figure 1A show VSP homologies.

In the Claims:

D2
88. (Amended) The protein of Claim 87, wherein said essential amino acids are selected from the group consisting of methionine, tryptophan, lysine, valine, phenylalanine, isoleucine, leucine, threonine and cysteine.

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109. (Amended) The protein of Claim 108, wherein said essential amino acids are